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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE DRAW TO YOUR ATTENTION THE "BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE"  
INVITATION TO THE SOVIET "LEGAL" BAPTIST HIERARCHY TO ATTEND  
ITS GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING IN MIAMI, JULY 9-15, AS REPORTED  
IN SPLEX VISA CABLE, MOSCOW 8170.

2. AS YOU WILL SEE FROM A CABLE TODAY OR TOMORROW, WE DO NOT  
BELIEVE ANY ISSUE OF SUBSTANCE SEPARATES US IN KIEV ON GORKY  
PROPERTY. IT APPEARS THAT WE ONLY NEED TO WORK OUT  
SATISFACTORY LANGUAGE. THEREFORE, WE DON NOT THINK IT IS  
NECESSARY NOR USEFUL TO INVOLVE MOSCOA MFA.

3. WE WERE SURPRISED AT THE ALACRITY WITH WHICH THE SOVIETS  
ACCEPTED THE PROPOSED JULY 20-23 DATES FOR THE FIRST MEETING  
OF THE SHUTTLE-SALYUT JWGS. INTERKOSMOS HAD INDICATED THAT  
THESE DATES WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE WHEN WE FIRST  
TRANSMITTED THE DATES TO THEM JUNE 6. SOVIETS MAY HAVE  
OBTAINED KNOWLEDGE DURING THE WEEK OF OUR RECENT CLEARANCE  
DIFFICULTIES AND ARE TRYING TO SMOKE US OUT.

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4. IN VIEW OF THE LONG AND COMPLICATED NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LED  
TO THE CREATION OF THE SHUTTLE-SALYUT JWGS, AND SINCE WE  
HAVE ALREADY OFFERED DATES FOR THE FIRST MEETINGS, IT WILL  
PUT US IN AN EXTREMELY EMBARRASSING POSITION TO CANCEL OUT  
NOW. SINCE THE TASKS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE JWGS,  
AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, ARE SIMPLY TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE  
STUDY OF ANOTHER POSSIBLE JOINT MISSION, IT APPEARS THAT THE

MEETINGS PROPOSED HERE FOR NEXT MONTH COULD BE STRUCTURED  
TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCERNS OF ALL INTERESTED WASHINGTON  
AGENCIES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER BACKGROUND YOU CAN  
GIVE US AND KEEPING US INFORMED ON THE STATUS OF THIS MATTER.  
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